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ACADEMY BOOTH A SUCCESS

Jeanette Sanfilippo hosted the Academy's booth at the annual meeting of the American Accounting Association in New Orleans with great success. During the three-day event, all visitors to the booth were invited to place their business cards in a box for a special drawing. At the end of the conference, Alexandra Carpenter, a doctoral student from Nova Southeastern University,

was awarded an autographed copy of *A History of Accountancy in the United States* by Gary Previts and Barbara Merino. We are particularly happy that the winner of drawing was a doctoral student. The Academy is very appreciative that Gary and Barbara donated and autographed their new book for the drawing.

The annual booth and display achieves a significant purpose for the Academy. Hundreds of people visited the display, discussed publications, bought the newly designed souvenir t-shirts, and a number became new members. The booth provides a means of socializing while promoting the Academy by distributing its publications and informing members and non-members of future research conferences. The Academy especially appreciates the hard work of Jeanette Sanfilippo in preparing and hosting the booth and the volunteers that helped during the three days.



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committee have prepared a newly designed t-shirt, hosted the Academy booth in New Orleans, prepared for another silent auction at the 1998 research conference in Atlanta, and continues to work on other projects. The membership committee is, among other things, planning to survey the membership. The research committee is nearing completion of the research methodology project. Donna Street, chair, and members of the Richard G. Vangermeersch Manuscript Award Committee have again done an excellent job this year. Dr. Michael Schoderbek, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, was selected for this award for his manuscript entitled, "Robert Morris and Reporting for the Treasury under the U.S. Continental

Congress."

Finley Graves and Vaughan Radcliffe are to be congratulated for the development of a half-day CPE session presented in New Orleans. The program, which included Richard Fleischman and Barbara Merino, was well attended. Vaughan, Richard, and Barbara discussed various types of accounting history research methodology and opportunities for publication. Several other editors rounded out the program by discussing publishing opportunities in their journals.

As the year ends, I am proud of the many achievements of the officers and committees, while somewhat disappointed that so much remains to be done. However, challenges make the future worthwhile.

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